(f) if so, what steps are being taken to stop this practice of asking Guarantee Money from producers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) to (f) Yes, Sir. The matter is, however being reviewed.

Coverage to Sport Events on Doordarshan

4440. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Doordarshan is giving adequate coverage to sports and athletics events held in different States;

(b) whether it is a fact that coverage of sports events in district towns would enhance sports consciousness in the country; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to direct Doordarshan to enhance coverage of sports and games in district, towns and rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b): Yes, Sir.

(c) Doordarshan shall continue to provide adequate coverage to sports events held in different parts of the country, including rural areas, district towns, either through live telecasts, where feasible or through recording of the events by its camera teams for a subsequent telecast in the regional/national network.

Training Course for Lighting Assistant in Doordarshan

4441. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have introduced a crash course for Lighting assistants in Doordarshan;

(b) if so, what is the main objective of introducing such a course;

(c) whether Adhocism has been going on in Doordarshan in a large scale; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The basic purpose of the course is to impart the requisite training to the Lighting Assistants working in Doordarshan to enable them to become eligible for promotion as Cameraman grade III, a cadre in which a large number of vacancies exist at present.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Independence of Press

4442. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Uttar Pradesh has unleashed a wave of terror on the independence of press; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government of India therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINNGH DEO): (a) No instances of this nature have come to the notice of the Government.

(b) Does not arise.